covered under Security Related Expenditure scheme of Ministry of Home Affairs. For focused attention for security and development 33 affected Districts in 8 States have been taken up for planning, implementation and monitoring of development schemes. A Task Force on Left Wing Extremism has been set up under Cabinet Secretary to coordinate and oversee the efforts of the various development Ministries.

Delay in investigation of 'note for vote' scam

†913. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is apprehension of prolonged delay in investigation into 'note for vote' scam;

(b) whether Statements of all the concerned persons have been recorded;

(c) whether there is any difficulty in declaring the outcome of investigation before Lok Sabha election; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) and (b) As far as Delhi Police is concerned, there is no apprehension of prolonged delay in investigation into 'note for vote' scam. Preliminary interrogation of three alleged persons, against whom investigation has been recommended by the Parliamentary Committee, has been done. The Statements of witnesses are being recorded.

(c) and (b) Since the case requires detailed investigation and opinion of experts, no time frame can be fixed for completing the investigation at this stage.

Increase in cases of custodial deaths and rape

914. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI:
SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been sharp increase in cases of 'Custodial deaths and rape' in the country;

(b) if so, whether the directions of the National Human Rights Commission and State right panels have been ignored in checking custodial deaths and rape; and

(c) if so, the new strategies to be adopted by the Union Government to check custodial deaths and rape cases in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) As per information provided by National Crime Records Bureau, the cases of custodial deaths and custodial rapes during the period from 2005 to 2007 is as under:—

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.